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1.(amended) An adhesive preparation comprising a base drug salt and an organic acid salt, wherein said organic acid salt is in the form of powder having a mean diameter of 0.1-100 μm , and said drug forms an ion-pair with the organic acid salt.

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5. (twice amended) The adhesive preparation according to claim 1, wherein the organic acid salt is an acetic acid salt.

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6.(amended) The adhesive preparation according to claim 5, wherein the organic acid salt is sodium acetate.

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9.(amended) The adhesive preparation according to claim 2, wherein the organic acid salt is an acetic acid salt.

10.(amended) The adhesive preparation according to claim 9, wherein the organic acid salt is sodium acetate.

11.(amended) The adhesive preparation according to claim 3, wherein the organic acid salt is an acetic acid salt.

12.(amended) The adhesive preparation according to claim 11, wherein the organic acid salt is sodium acetate.

Remarks

Applicants have amended the claims to clarify the claim language. Support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found in the specification at page 4, lines 9-19 and page 7, lines 15-17. No new matter has been added.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have amended the claims to clarify the claim language, and accordingly request reconsideration.

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